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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, ETRD

SUBJECT: STEEL VRA: GAO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. WATSON OF THE FRANKFURT GAO OFFICE CALLED THE EMBASSY TODAY TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE STEEL VRA. WATSON SAID HE HAS TO RESPOND BY MID-OCTOBER TO A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE OPERATION OF THE VRA. HE SAID HE PLANS TO SEE GERMAN STEEL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS EMBASSY OFFICERS. WE ASSUME WATSON MAY ALSO DECIDE TO VISIT CONGEN DUSSELDORF. WHILE CARBON STEEL WIRE ROD MAY BE THE ORIGIN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, WATSON'S INTEREST SEEMS TO EXTEND TO THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE VRA. WE HAVE TOLD WATSON WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH SHORTLY. HE STRESSED THAT HE WANTS TO COME TO BONN THIS WEEK.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON A DISCUSSION HERE WITH GAO REPRESENTATIVES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIONS MAY APPROACH THE EMBASSY OR CONGEN DUSSELDORF FOR BACKGROUND ON ANY GAO REQUEST TO THEM, ALTHOUGH MOST OR ALL MAY

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DECLINE TO MEET WITH GAO REPRESENTATIVES.

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